



Junior Ranger Essay Contest Rules 2008

Eligibility

No purchase is necessary, and there is no fee to enter or to win. The National Park Foundation's Junior Ranger Essay Contest is open to all children who are age 9 through 12 at any time during the contest period and who are legal residents of the United States. Employees, officers, and directors (and their immediate family members and members of the same households, whether related or not) of the National Park Foundation, the National Park Service and Macy's, Inc. are not eligible to participate. Participants must obtain the consent of a parent or legal guardian to enter the contest. Participants and their parents or legal guardians agree to abide by the terms of these official rules and by the decisions of the National Park Foundation, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to the contest. The National Park Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any participant that it determines, in its sole discretion, is ineligible to participate in the contest. The contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited by law or regulation.

Essay Requirements

Essays must be solely the work of the participant. Essays must be no longer than 500 words and must be typed or written in legible handwriting. Participants should address the following question in their essay: "What can you do now to turn over a new leaf for the environment and help preserve our national parks?" Graphics will not be considered in judging the contest.

Submissions

Entries will be accepted between February 6, 2008 and March 14, 2008. The participant's name, age, grade, and state in which he or she lives must be on the top of the page on which the essay is written or typed. Essays that are missing any of this information will be ineligible for this contest. Proof of submission will not be deemed to be proof of receipt by the National Park Foundation. There are two ways to enter as described below. Regardless of the form of entry, the parent or legal guardian of each participant must confirm that s/he has read, understood, and agrees to these contest rules and that such agreement constitutes acceptance of these contest rules on behalf of his or her child/ward and him or herself. Entries without the necessary consent of a parent or legal guardian will not be considered.

Online: All online submissions at www.nationalparks.org must be received by the National Park Foundation by 11:59 pm EST on March 14, 2008. All submissions must include a parent/legal guardian's name, phone number, and e-mail address, in lieu of a signature, which will serve as confirmation that the parent/legal guardian has read and understands the rules of the contest and agrees to these contest rules on behalf of his/her child/ward.

By mail: Entries may also be submitted via U.S. mail to the National Park Foundation's address listed below. To be considered, these essays must be accompanied by a statement signed by the parent or guardian that s/he has read and understands the rules of the contest and agrees to these contest rules on behalf of his/her child/ward. Essays sent by mail must be received by the National Park Foundation by midnight on March 14, 2008 and must include a parent's or legal guardian's signature and phone number.

Address: Junior Ranger Essay Contest, National Park Foundation, 1201 Eye St., NW, Suite 550-B, Washington, DC 20005.

Lost, late, illegible, stolen, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, misdirected, technically corrupted, or garbled entries will be disqualified. Any fraudulent information provided by participants will lead to immediate disqualification from the contest.

Summary of Application Information:

Essays can be sent on-line at this address: <http://www.nationalparks.org/get-involved/essay-contest/>.

Or mail essay and application to:

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